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### **Suhardi Mulan**

Suhardi Maulan was born on September 11, 1971 in Kajang, Selangor, Malaysia. He received his Malaysian Certificate of Education in 1988 and enrolled in the MARA Institute of Technology (UiTM), Shah Alam, Malaysia in 1989. In 1992, he graduated from UiTM with a Diploma in Landscape Design, and was given the Best Student Award.

After graduating from UiTM, Suhardi worked for two years as landscape architect assistant in Akitek Jururancang Malaysia, a Planning and Landscape Architecture firm in Kuala Lumpur. In 1994, he received a scholarship from the Malaysian Government to study Landscape Architecture at Louisiana State University (LSU) in Baton Rouge. He enrolled in LSU in spring 1995, and received his Bachelor of Landscape Architecture in 1997. While at LSU, he received the American Society of Landscape Architecture (ASLA) Honor Award for undergraduate study and the LSU School of Landscape Architecture Award for Design and Design Communication.

Upon returning to Malaysia in 1997, Suhardi worked as Landscape Architect for Arkilandskap, a Planning and Landscape Architecture firm in Kuala Lumpur. His extensive travels in Malaysia, United States, Southeast Asia, and South Africa helped foster his interest in urban design, culture and contextual study, the history of landscape architecture, and nature. Interested in improving himself and pursuing knowledge in the above areas, as well as research and teaching, he accepted a position as a tutor in the Department of Landscape Architecture at the Universiti Putra Malaysia in 1999.

As a tutor, he assisted professors and lecturers in their teaching, research, and outside consulting. In June 2000, he was awarded another Malaysian Government Scholarship for graduate study in Landscape Architecture. In August 2000, he enrolled in the Landscape Architecture Master's program at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. In May 2002, he received his Master's degree in Landscape Architecture.